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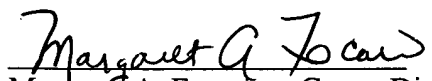
In re Application of: Knoblock et al.)
Application No. 09/995,193) *SUA SPONTE*
Attorney Docket No. RIC-97-006-P1) RECISION OF NOTICE OF
Filed: November 27, 2001) ABANDONMENT
For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND)
PROGRAM PRODUCT THAT UTILIZE A)
HIERARCHICAL CONCEPTUAL)
FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN)
ENVIRONMENT CONTAINING A)
COLLECTION OF ITEMS)

A review of the application reveals that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the applicant on October 2, 2003. The notice incorrectly indicated that the instant application was being held abandoned for failure to respond to the Office communication mailed on January 21, 2003. The communication of January 21, 2003 was a petition decision dismissing the request, in the petition of September 9, 2002, to deny access of the instant application to one of the inventor's currently of record in the file. The decision indicates that a renewed request may be filed and if so, must meet the requirements set forth in 37 CFR §3.73(b). However, *no response is required* by applicant in response to the decision dismissing the petition.

In view of these facts, the abandonment of the application was clearly in error and is hereby rescinded.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to withdraw the holding of abandonment and restore the instant application to pending status. The application will then be forwarded to the Examiner of record for issuance of the first office action on the merits.

Inquiries to this decision may be directed to Special Programs Examiner Brian L. Johnson at (703) 308-0885.


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